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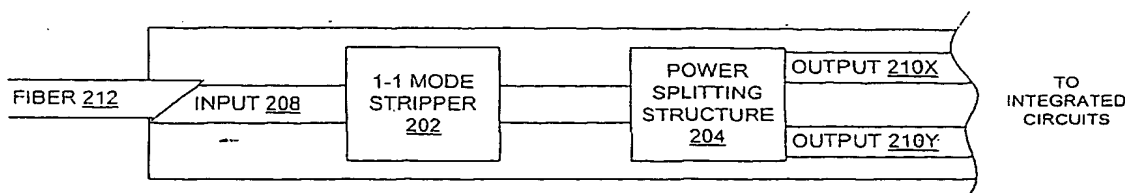
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(57) Abstract: Through the introduction of an imaging multimode interference device in an integrated optical circuit, such performance degradations as lateral waveguide field oscillations and backreflections may be suppressed. The suppression of lateral waveguide field oscillations (that may occur due to misaligned optical coupling), in particular, can significantly reduce variations in the power splitting ratio of an optical power splitting structure, such as those employed by a Mach-Zehnder modulator.

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Integrated optical circuit comprising a MMI device coupled to an optical power splitter

2. Claims: 5-8

A method for monitoring error signal from a dump port of a MMI device

3. Claims: 10-12

An integrated optical circuit comprising an optical device having an angled output and a MMI device

4. Claims: 15,16

A semiconductor optical amplifier or an attenuator comprising an electrode in contact with a MMI device

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